

**MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

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Tuesday, December 21, 2010 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupinski, Brian R. Motola, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Michael A. Winkler

Absent: Harry D. Thomas

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Peter Olsen, Jeff Arn, Vernon Housing Authority presented the Mayor with their annual check in lieu of taxes.

Walter Miele, South Street – spoke about the Town Council Members participation in community activities. Spoke about Mayor and Town Council Member accomplishments in 2010.

Chester Morgan, 60 Old Town Rd. – spoke about the accomplishments of Lester Finkle during his tenure on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

David Engelson, 81 Meadow View Lane – Thanked the following organizations that participated in Thanksgiving food drive and Holiday adopt a family program: ECHN, Vernon Police Dept., Vernon Fire Department, Vernon EMT and Ambulance Corp. Vernon Rotarians, Vernon Police Explorers, and Vernon Public Works Dept.

Edie Chernack, 50 Cubles Dr – Spoke about the DPW Director providing part time support to the Board of Education

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to extend the curfew for citizen's forum.

Anne Fisher, Chair, Vernon Board of Education – spoke in support of Consent item #8, regarding the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial Maintenance Services.

Michael Bolduc, Vernon Little League – spoke about the conditions of the field at VCMS and requested support for Consent item #7 regarding the designation of funding to preserve and repair the girls and boys ball fields at VCMS.

Marie Herbst, 245 Brandy Hill Rd – Spoke about the Vernon Fire Department's toys for Tykes toy drive.

Christy Vale, 100 Dobson Rd. - spoke in support of Consent #8, regarding the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial Maintenance Services.

Bob Kleinhans, DPW Director – spoke about DPW employee Jim Jardis' organization of the Public Works "stuff a truck" where DPW employees volunteered their time to collect toys for HVCC.

Brian Usher, 12 Hayes Dr., - spoke in support of Consent #8, regarding the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial Maintenance Services.

Citizens Forum closed at 7:39 PM

D.) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

E.) PRESENTATIONS by the administration

Proclamation presented to Lester Finkle, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission for his many years serving the greater Vernon Community. Lester is leaving the area to take on a new challenge in Washington, DC.

The Mayor presented Mr. Finkle with his proclamation and thanked him for his service on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Presentation to the Town Council by Mayor Jason L. McCoy on a variety of topics.

- Mayor is meeting with Department heads on January 8 regarding the budget and welcomes cost saving suggestions from Council Members.
- Parks and Recreation Dept is up \$38,000 in revenue. Their on-line sign-up system for programs is working out well and saving time.
- Town Clerk's office is down approximately \$40,000 in conveyance taxes
- The Building Dept is down \$3,000 in fees
- Mayor McCoy attended a CCM meeting where they discussed improving efficient delivery of services for municipalities.
- There is a potential for increases in the health, pharmacy and liability insurance. They are currently out to bid
- Gas rate is down from \$2.70 to \$2.40, gas usage is also decreased
- The Marriott will break ground at the end of February
- Bolton Lakes Community will use the current town software to collect fees for the Bolton sewer system.
- In the beginning of January, \$4 mil will go out to bond, also reissuance of old debt.
- The town came in under budget on leaf collection this year
- Roosevelt Mills trailer is being used to mix brine.
- Concrete is being poured for the crematorium
- The outside of Town Hall is being repointed and the inside water damage will be repaired
- The cost of installing a handicapped door into the main area of the town hall lobby is \$2660.00
- Mr. Meile donated a motion sensitive camera to the animal control
- The Mayor accidently left off an appointment to the Energy Improvement District. Requested this be added on as an additional agenda item.
- Spoke about Consent #8, regarding the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial Maintenance Services.

F.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Schaefer pulled consent agenda item #7 and Council Member Winkler pulled consent agenda item #8 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve consent agenda item 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 as presented.

- C 1. **Request for Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated December 13, 2010 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$401.82 AND FOR THE CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$807.72 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED DECEMBER 13, 2010.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the tax refunds for prior and current years. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 2. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of Jeffrey A. Boulrice, (D) , 15 Hilltop Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2011.** (A copy of Mr. Boulrice's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292, AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3 (A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY A. BOULRICE, (D), 15 HILLTOP AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2011.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Mayor McCoy's appointment of Jeffrey Boulrice as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board for a term of 12/22/10 through 6/30/2011. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 3. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of Mark St. Germain (R), 25 Grier Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2011.** (A copy of Mr. St. Germain's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF MARK ST. GERMAIN, (R), 25 GRIER ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2011.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Mayor McCoy's appointment of Mark St Germain as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board for a term of 12/22/10 through 6/30/11. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of H. Russell Kunz (R), 26 Valley View Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2012. (A copy of Dr. Kunz's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF H. RUSSELL KUNZ, (R), 26 VALLEY VIEW LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Mayor McCoy's appointment of H. Russell Kunz as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board for a term of 12/22/10 through 6/30/12. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of John K. Anderson, (R), 20 Hemlock Drive, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2012. (A copy of Mr. Anderson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292, TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN K. ANDERSON, (R), 20 HEMLOCK DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of John K. Anderson as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board for a term of 12/22/10 through 6/30/12. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's Appointment of Carol S. Nelson, (R), 419 Lady Bug Lane Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Center Advisory Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2012.** (A copy of Ms. Nelson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF CAROL S. NELSON, (R), 419 LADY BUG LANE VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Mayor McCoys appointment of Carol Nelson as a regular member of the Senior Center Advisory Committee for a term of 12/2210 through 6/30/12. Motion carried unanimously.

G.) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to add additional agenda item #1. Motion carried unanimously.

H.) PENDING BUSINESS

None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

None

J.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

K.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

None

L.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, PULLED CONSENT ITEMS FROM F) AND PULLED ITEMS FROM O) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, ETC

- C 7. Request the Town Council designate \$10,000 from the Open Space Fund to be expended for the preservation and repair of the girls' and boys' ball fields at Vernon Center Middle School.** (A copy of a memorandum from Mayor Jason L. McCoy dated December 17, 2010 to the Vernon Town Council is included for your review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL DESIGNATES TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) IN THE OPEN SPACE RESERVE TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PRESERVATION AND REPAIR OF THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' BALL FIELDS AT VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the designation of \$10,000 from the open space fund for the preservation and repair of the girls and boys ball fields at VCMS. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial and Maintenance Services.** (A packet of information was distributed at the Town Council Meeting December 7, 2010 with all appropriate documentation. The motion below includes a change in adoption date from that packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT(S) OR AGREEMENT NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED "RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT OF CUSTODIAL AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION," AS ADOPTED DECEMBER 21, 2010.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial and Maintenance Services. Discussion took place. The Superintendent, Assistant Town Administrator and Town Attorney were present to answer questions.

8:16 Council Member Schaefer left the table

8:17 Council Member Schaefer returned

8:20 Council Member Motola left the table

8:24 Council Member Motola returned

(8:43 PM) Recess

(8:53 PM) Reconvene

Discussion continued. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to move the question. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst and Krupienski opposed.

Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Schaefer, Winkler, Krupienski opposed.

Additional Agenda Item #1:

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the following Motion:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE #292, TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF MS. KATE SIMS, RN, MBA, 71 HAYNES STREET, MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT 06040, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, AND SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2013.

Discussion took place. Council Member Krupienski requested Ms. Sims party affiliation. Motion carried unanimously.

M.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

N.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

O.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION

1. Monthly Report Police Department November, 2010 as submitted by Captain Stephen Clark.
2. Monthly Building Department Activity Report for December, as submitted by B. Peter Hobbs, Building Official.
3. Monthly Report Youth Service Bureau November, 2010 as submitted by Alan Slobodien, Director.
4. Invitation to the Mayor's Holiday Celebration.

Adjourn (8:59 PM)

Council Member Motola , seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary